



**Northern Division
ACC Spring Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 13th, 2025
1-5pm, Helena MT (Lewis & Clark Library Hybrid)**

LaRue (ACC Chair) called to order, 1:02 pm

Welcome/Identification of **ACC Members** present:

In Person- LaRue, Tal, John, Hilary, Jeremy U, Erin (non-voting)

Virtual- Roger, Jerry, Jeremy W, Chad, Tim (non-voting)

BOD Members present:

In Person- Craig, Erik, Eric

Virtual- Tim, Vanessa

Guests:

In Person- Jessie, Haffey, Mike, Hannah, Evan, Pam, Bridgett

Virtual Attendees- Kristi, Bill, Adam, Kelly, Karri, Joe

LaRue asked for motion to review and approve agenda, Hilary moved to approve, Jeremy U seconded.

LaRue asked for approval of [Winter ACC Meeting Minutes \(1/31/25\)](#), Jerry W moved to approve, Jeremy U seconded.

LaRue announced she is stepping down as ACC Chair and that both Hilary Lindh and Jessie Lepel have been nominated for this position; discussion & voting will take place later in the meeting.

Tim (ND President) gave a brief president's report in he which welcomed our two new BOD members (directors at large), Eric Gomes and Erik Retz.

Erin (ND Manager) presented the Financial Report, which included the statement of financial position, P & L report, and budget vs actuals. The Division is in good financial standing with \$121,910.47 in our bank account. However, the budget did run in the red this season (\$2,500 over although could be slightly more after fiscal year is closed on June 30th), and this was partially due to head taxes being less than projected from OHG (low numbers and a one day race instead of three). The Division's only current source of income is head taxes, membership dues, and club dues. Erin would like to increase revenue opportunities next season which include increased fundraising goals as well as an increase in both club and membership dues starting next season. Club annual dues will increase from \$325 to \$400 (\$25 dues increase plus \$50 increase to include all AO training). The last increase was in 2020. Membership increases are as follows: Alpine Comp 12 and under will increase from \$30 to \$34, Alpine Comp U14 will increase from \$36 to \$40, Alpine Comp U16 and over will increase from \$50 to \$56 and there will be no increase for Alpine Coach with Official (will remain \$30). The last increase was in 2020 as well. Finally, the Division has opened up a new local bank account (American Bank of Montana) and is in the process of moving all funds from Wells Fargo. ND will have both a checking account with American Bank, as well as a high yielding savings account and some funds moved into CDs.

Erin's manager's report started with thanking LaRue for her time and service as the ACC Chair, and then showing some end of season metrics and stats ([see 2024/25 season stats document](#)); including athlete success, starts, athlete numbers, trends, etc. ND had a great year with lots to be proud of. Erin gave an ASR updated. There has been a Western Region working group headed by Lucy to review ASR and consider other registration platform options for next season. All Western divisional managers as well as some key RAs from PNW, Far West & IMD met continually

throughout the spring to identify important feedback for ASR. The group has decided to give them another opportunity for the upcoming season, as the the alternatives do not seem to provide a better option; ASR is promising the changes, improvements & updates that the region is asking for, such as better RA training, head tax payments and ease of closing out a race, making the site more user friendly (including the mobile site), ease of refunds, etc. Erin plans to continue the Strategic Planning part 2, with the help of a small committee which will focus on the [Goals](#) (short term, mid term, and long term) based on the [Core Purpose](#) and values from part 1. As of now the committee (in addition to Erin) will be Erik Retz, Eric Gomes, Taylor Zachary & Chris Prezeau. We are looking for a few others to join this committee and will begin meeting again this summer.

LaRue's ACC Chair Report started with Bill Gunesch, WR Director providing a report from Congress as well a Western Region update [2025 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress Update](#) and [2025 WestReg Congress Report](#). There isn't much to report regarding Sport Education Update, they are working on when the two year calendar starts to complete a level 100 coach cert. LaRue who is the current AO Chair will work with Erin this summer to plan a fall calendar for classes and updates; division is actively needing more officials, especially timing and calc and RAs. LaRue will also look to bump people up to the next level. Fall ACC & General Membership Meeting Date discussion started but dates were not yet picked, discussion included Hybrid option to be in Bozeman or Helena, to include Updates and Training if we wait until Nov. The ACC voted and is recommending Jessie Lepel to the BOD to be the next ACC Chair, although all Members said they think either nominee would do an excellent job.

Due to time constraints, the YSL Team Scoring and FIS Head Tax discussions under Old Business were tabled until the Fall Meeting.

Due to time constraints, the New Business agenda items including the WRJC Criteria review, Handbook updates with clear and detailed P & P for last minute race changes, approval process, etc. will also be tabled until the Fall Meeting. WR ACC contacts/voting reps & WR and updated coaches contacts was not discussed, will be resolved over ACC email communication.

New Business that was discussed was to review safety protocol for races (specifically speed events); Grace V's parents spoke on this as well as Pam (SRSEF Coach); Grace had an accident during the open ski at Lone Peak Speed which resulted in significant injuries to her neck. Pam and parents asking for our safety policies to be reviewed and updated. The ACC is open to further discussion on creating scholarships and/or memorial races in honor of Tony, Trevor and David (David also has a Foundation that ND will meet with). Craig discussed Showdown working to get homologated so that they can host races (including a race the last day of speed camp). There was discussion about Development funds; BHST was asked to submit an invoice for YSL Champs and the Division talked about how Devo funds are allocated and if there should be a set amount of money for YSL Champs.

There was one Proposal from John Phillips (MSEF) regarding U14 Speed requirements <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dGL5dH-JUpJWDrOGf9pe2bwP0HLX7mF5T637i2uaO5w/edit?usp=sharing> This will be tabled until the Fall ACC meeting and John was encouraged to modify the language. There was a lot of good discussion regarding this; including consideration to make an exception to allow athletes to qualify for Tris without a speed start, but not to Western Regions; ACC will create a specific petition form to waive a speed start.

Calendar was presented and discussed, [2025-26 WR & ND Calendar Draft](#). The working calendar (while still in draft from and subject to change) is ready to be shared. GDST is willing to host YSL Champs, and OHG will remain at Bridger this next season. ND is slated to host U16 WR Champs & Tris in 2027. If we cannot do both, IMD can host Tris for us.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.